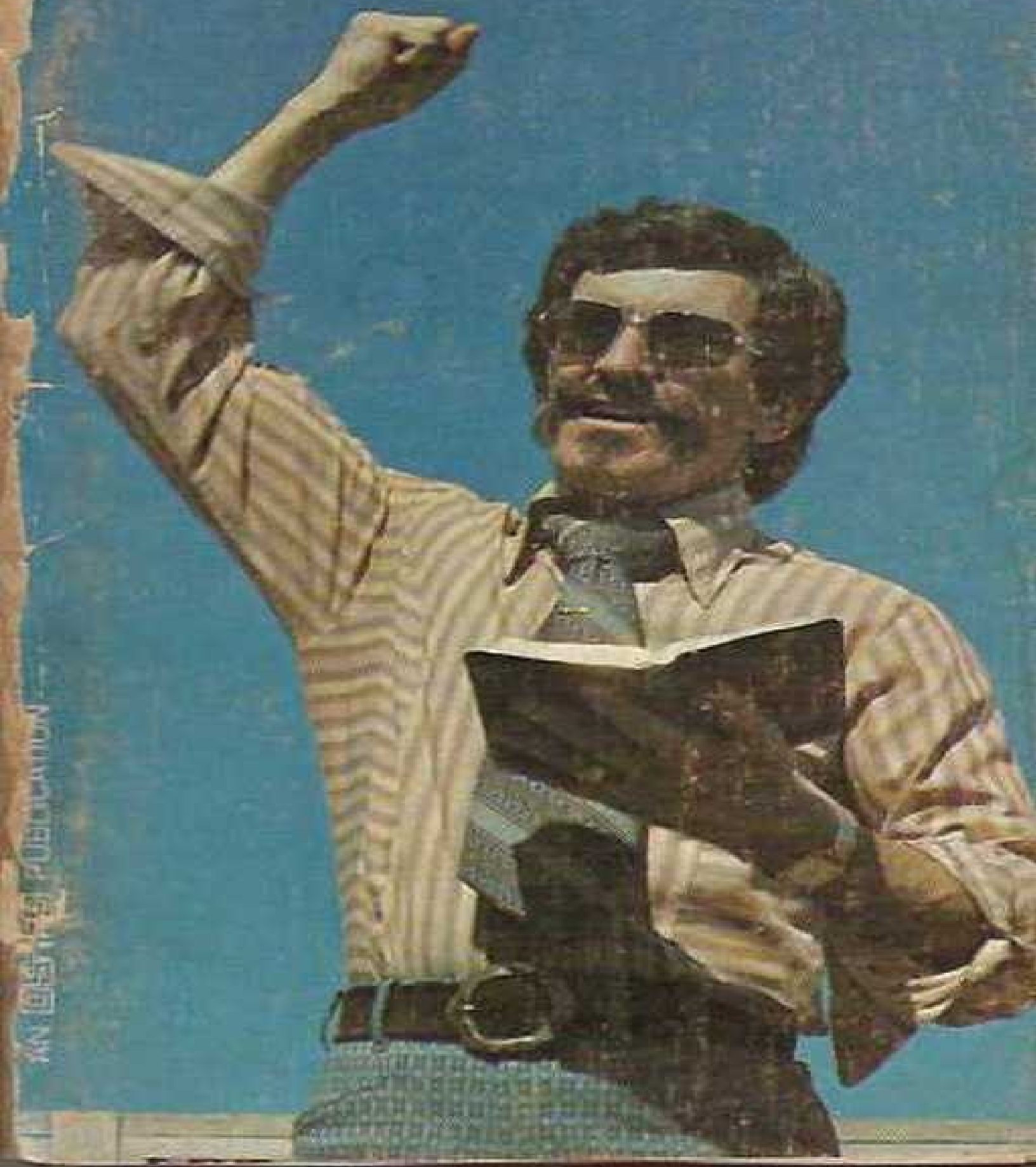


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CHAPTER 1: THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFESSION

You said that you could not do it, and the moment you said it you were whipped.

You said you did not have faith, and that moment, doubt arose like a giant and bound you.

Perhaps you never realized that, to a great extent, you are ruled by your words.

You talked failure, and failure held you in bondage.

You talked fear, and fear increased its grip on you.

Solomon said, "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth. Thou art taken (captive) with the words of thy mouth" (Pr. 6:2).

Testifying — Witnessing — Confessing

Few Christians have recognized the importance of confession and the place it holds in their lives. Whenever the word "confession" is used, they automatically think of confessing sin, weakness, and failure. But this is only the negative side of the subject.

The negative confession of our sin was only to open the way to the positive confession of all God's Word.

Nothing in our walk as a believer is more important than our *confession*, though it is hardly ever mentioned in the Church.

Christianity is called the "confession," according to Hebrews, chapter three.

The Greek word which has been translated "profession" in the King James Version, is rendered "confession" in other cases, and the word "profession" in Hebrews 3:1 is "confession" or "*acknowledgment*" in the original.

The two words are closely related, yet the difference is important.

The Greek word from which the word "confession" is translated actually means, "*saying the same thing*"; that is to say, it means, "saying what God says"; or "*agreeing with God in our testimony*." Saying what God says in His Word about our sins, our sicknesses, our apparent failures, our health, our salvation, our victories, or about anything else in our lives. In other words, confession is to testify to, or "acknowledge" what God says.

Confession in Trial

For example: Sickness is pressing to overthrow your health. Symptoms of some foul disease are beginning to appear. Satan is desiring to destroy your health and so render your life ineffective in Christian service. But God has made provision for your health.

God has made a covenant of healing with you.

He has promised, "Ye shall serve the Lord your God, and . . . (He) will take sickness away from the midst of thee" (Ex. 23:25), because He has promised, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Ex. 15:26).

God's Word says, "He healeth all thy diseases" (Ps. 103:3).

Jesus Christ has redeemed you from the fall of man — has redeemed you from your diseases because "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses" (Mt. 8:17) at the cruel whipping post (Mk. 15:16-20, Mt. 27:26, Jn. 19:1) and therefore "with His stripes ye were healed" (1 Pt. 2:24).

Knowing all this provides a basis for your faith.

You know Satan cannot lay a disease on your body, because Christ has already borne your diseases. Therefore you resist Satan and his lying symptoms of disease.

You do not fear them. You *know* your redemption is a fact. You *know* your diseases were laid on the body of Christ, and that He has borne them for you. You have no fear.

You boldly and firmly rebuke Satan, your adversary, with the Word of God, in the Name of Jesus Christ who died to set you free. You take your firm stand.

You do exactly as Christ, your example, did when tempted by Satan in the wilderness: you say, "Satan, it is written." Then you quote him the Word: "By His stripes I am healed. He healeth all *my* diseases. Christ Himself took *my* infirmities and bore *my* sickness." This is confession!

Confession is saying what God says.

It is faith's testimony. Talking the language of the Bible at all times. Resisting Satan with "Thus saith the Lord." Claiming your rights at the Throne of Grace, confessing God's Word — God's promises.

We repeat: the Greek word from which "confession" is translated actually means "saying the same thing," that is, "saying what God says," or "agreeing with God in our conversation"; "acknowledging the Word"

A friend comes to you during your trial of faith and suggests: "Oh, you must be careful. I know a person who died of this sickness. You must go

quickly to bed and call for help.”

But you speak God’s language, because you believe what God says.

You use His Words in your lips — in your conversation.

You boldly confess, “The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? Christ hath borne my diseases, and by His stripes I am healed.”

Under all circumstances, at all times, you speak God’s language.

You train yourself to God’s manner of life, and manner of speech.

His attitude as set forth in the Word is developed into your life until Satan cannot prevail against you, because God’s Word has become molded into your very life and nature (2 Pt. 1:4).

You become as irresistible as God is irresistible because of God’s Word that comes to control your prayers, your words, your thoughts and your actions.

Confession is affirming something that we believe.

Confession is testifying of something that we know. It is witnessing of a truth which we embrace.

God’s Word is the exclusive subject of our confession — of our testimony.

Jesus planned that this great message of Christianity should be given to the world through testimony; that is, through our confession.

Testifiers, witnesses, and confessors have been the great leaders and agencies of the new and revolutionizing life of Jesus Christ (Christianity) in the world.

CHAPTER 2: WHAT TO CONFESS

The major problem that we face, then, is to know what we are to confess. Simply God's Word, at all times, in the face of all adversities, under all circumstances. Confession is "affirming Bible truths."

Confession is "repeating with our lips (from our hearts), the things God has said in His Word."

You cannot confess or witness of things you do not know.

You must confess what you know personally about Jesus Christ and about what you are to Him. You know these facts through the Word.

The secret of confession and of dominating faith lies in getting a true understanding of what Jesus actually did for us, of what we are in Him as a result of it, and of what the Word promises we can do as a result of His finished work in us.

This knowledge, coupled with a firm confession' of these facts, and actions which correspond, develops the highest kind of faith. This knowledge comes through the Word.

Simply to admire these facts in the Bible and to say that you believe them, but to refuse (or neglect) to confess them boldly and act on them, robs you of faith in the time of need.

When I know who Jesus is, and what He did for me; what actually belongs to me now, and what I may enjoy in my daily life, it makes me a victor.

To know that Satan is defeated by our Substitute, and that his defeat is eternal, makes our redemption a blessed fact and reality.

To know that Satan's defeat was administered by our own Substitute, and that this defeat was accredited to our account, so that in the records of the supreme court of the universe we are the masters now of Satan, and that Satan recognizes that in the Name of Jesus we are his rulers; when the heart knows this as well as we know two and two make four, then dominating faith, coupled with a new confession of authority, becomes natural.

We automatically talk like Jesus talked.

We understand the facts of our redemption.

Faith is as natural as fear was before we were enlightened.

We know that God Himself put Satan and all his kingdom beneath our feet, and that we are considered by the Father, and by Satan, as victors.

We have been liberated.

Our language becomes like supermen.

We talk like people of another race or kingdom and that we are, "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood."

We have authority. God is back of us. We are bold.

We speak God's language as commonly as the unbeliever talks his fears.

What a miraculous change would be produced in the Church today if her members would rise to the place God has given them, and would talk the language God desires that His chosen ones talk.

It has not been long, since, for a Christian to boldly declare that he was *saved*, was considered to be almost sacrilegious.

For one to firmly believe that his salvation was a finished work and a definite fact was considered practically absurd.

But gradually the light has dawned, and we have come to the blessed knowledge of complete conversion, once and for all, an instant and definite work of God's boundless grace.

But how few of us dare to confess boldly to the world what the Word declares — that we are in Christ.

Take these sample Scriptures: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (2 Co. 5:17).

That does not mean that we are just forgiven sinners — poor, weak, staggering, sinning church members.

That means what it says: We are new creatures *now*.

We have been created in Christ Jesus, with the life of God, the nature of God, and the ability of God within us.

"Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Confess it. Believe it. It means what it says.

We are new. All things are new. Old things are gone.

Those old earmarks of sin, sickness, disease, failure, weakness, and fear have all passed away.

Now we have God's nature, His life, His strength, His health, His glory, His power. We have it now.

What a revolution it would bring to the modern Church if her members believed those things and began to talk like that, live like that, and act like that. That is exactly what the heart of the Father-God yearns for.

Watch that person in a sick room where sickness has almost seized the life of a loved one.

He is bold. He is a master, and he knows it.

He boldly confesses, "Greater is He that is in me" than this disease that is stealing my loved one.

He commands the disease to leave; he speaks in the Name of Jesus and orders Satan to release his hold.

He calmly orders his loved one to arise and be made whole.

The sick one is healed.

What made the difference? A believer knew his position, his authority, and his rights.

Satan had to honor his command; and God confirmed His Word.

Take Colossians 1:13-14 for another example: "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

That would mean that Satan's dominion ended and Jesus' dominion began.

Satan's dominion over your life has been broken the very moment you are born again.

You receive a new Lord to reign over your life, Jesus Christ.

Disease and sickness, weakness and failure can no longer rule over you. Old habits can no longer control your life. You are redeemed. You are saved.

What a stir there would be if this Scripture became a reality: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee: yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Is. 41:10).

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Ro. 8:31)

This is the most revolutionary thing that has ever been taught. Such Scriptures as those must be your confession as you stand before the world.

You believe and say, "God is with me this morning.

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 Jn. 4:4).

You fearlessly say, "God is in me now; the Master of creation is with me."

What a confession that is!

CHAPTER 3: THE AMAZING LANGUAGE

You face life fearlessly.

You know now that greater is He that is in you, than all the forces that can be arrayed against you.

You face bills that you cannot pay.

You face enemies that you have no ability to conquer, and yet you face them fearlessly.

You shout with triumph; "He prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

You are filled with joy and victory because God has taken over your problems.

He is fighting your battles.

You are not afraid of circumstances, because "You can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth you."

He is not only your strength, but He is by your side. He is your salvation. Whom should you fear?

He throws light upon life's problems so that you can act intelligently.

He is your salvation, and deliverance from every trap that the enemy sets for you; from every snare in which he would enslave you.

"God is the strength of your life; of whom shall you be afraid?"

You are not afraid of anything. You have no fear, because God is on your side. This is your confession.

Jesus' continual bold confession was our example.

He continually confessed what He was.

We are to confess what we are in Christ.

We are to confess that we are redeemed, that our redemption is an actual fact; that we are delivered out of the dominion and authority of Satan.

We confess these facts boldly, with absolute certainty, because we *know* they are true.

We confess that we are actually new creatures, recreated in Christ Jesus; that we are partakers of His divine nature; that sickness, disease, fear, weakness, and failure are things of the past.

Our language amazes our friends, and seems absurd and presumptuous to them, but to us, it is simply stating facts which are written in the Word; it is the language of God's family.

We dare to stand in the presence of human evidence which contradicts

God's Word and calmly declare that the Word is true.

For instance, physical evidence declares that I am sick with an incurable illness.

I boldly confess that God laid that disease on Jesus, that He bore it away for me, and that Satan has no right to put it on me; that "by His stripes I am healed."

I believe that firmly, and will, therefore, hold fast that confession in the face of contradictory evidence which says it is not true, but my confession of God's Word wins, and I am healed.

CHAPTER 4: THE INTERCESSOR OF OUR TESTIMONY

You see, in Hebrews 3:1, Jesus Christ is called the "High Priest of our confession."

The next verse declares that "He is faithful to Him that appointed Him (as the High Priest of our confession) as Moses was faithful."

In times of sickness, we boldly confess His promises to heal.

When we *confess His Words*, then our High Priest, Jesus Christ, acts on our behalf, according to our *confession of His Word*, and intercedes to our Father for the benefits of the promises which we are confessing.

He is the High Priest of our confession.

Between the time that we ask God for some benefit provided for us, and the time our Father grants that blessing to be manifested, we "hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised)" (He. 10:23).

We know that the High Priest of our confession is faithful, as was Moses, to intercede for us until the answer is granted, according to the promise which we are faithfully confessing in our prayer, our conversation, our testimony, our thoughts and in our actions.

CHAPTER 5: A WRONG CONFESSION

A wrong confession is the confession of defeat, failure, and of the supremacy of Satan.

Talking about your combat with the devil, how he has hindered you, and how he is holding you in bondage and keeping you sick is a confession of defeat.

It is a wrong confession. It glorifies your adversary. It is an unconscious declaration that your Father-God has failed you.

Most of the confessions we hear today glorify the devil.

Such a confession continually saps the very life out of you. It destroys faith and holds you in bondage.

The confession of your lips, that has grown out of faith in your heart, will absolutely defeat the adversary in every battle.

The confession of Satan's ability to hinder you and keep you from success, gives Satan advantage over you. He fills you with fear and weakness.

But if you boldly confess your Father's care and protection, and declare that He that is in you is greater than any force around you, you will rise above satanic influence.

Every time you confess your doubts and fears, you confess your faith in Satan and deny the ability and grace of God.

When you confess your weakness and your disease, you are openly confessing that the Word of God is not true and that God has failed to make it good.

God declares that: "With His stripes you were healed"; and, "Surely He hath borne our sicknesses and carried our diseases."

Instead of confessing that He has borne your diseases and put them away, you confess that you still have them.

You take the testimony of natural evidence instead of the testimony of the Word of God. In this way you fail.

As long as you hold fast to the confession of weakness, sickness, and pain, you will still have them.

You may search for years for some man of God to pray the prayer of faith for you, but it will be of no avail, because your unbelief will destroy the effects of his faith.

The person who is always confessing his sins and his weaknesses is building weakness, failure, and defeat into his very system.

Read the Word. Talk the Word. Confess the Word. Act on the Word, and the Word will become a part of you.

CHAPTER 6: EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Ga. 3:13). What was that curse?

It is recorded in Deuteronomy, chapter twenty- eight, where we are told that the following diseases came upon the people because of disobedience to God's law: pestilence, consumption or tuberculosis, fever, inflammation, extreme burning, botch, emerods, scab, itch, blindness, smiting in the knees and in the leg, and failing of the eyes.

If your case hasn't been definitely stated in this list, then listen to the rest of this passage: "All the diseases of Egypt, and also *every sickness and every plague* which is not written in the book of this law." So that takes in you and your case.

Paul says that Christ redeemed us from this curse of the law, because He was made a curse for us {Ga. 3:13}.

The curse of the law includes "all diseases, every sickness, and every plague" known throughout the history of the world (De. 28:60, 61).

In order for Christ to redeem us from this terrible curse of the law, He was made a curse *for us*; that is, He bore the punishment prescribed by the law, *for us*. That is why He had to take "*our* infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses" (Mt. 8:17).

Adam and Eve sold us into slavery to the devil, and put us in bondage to his power, under his jurisdiction, but Christ hath redeemed us.

He has brought us back. He has purchased us with the price of His own body and blood, and freed us.

"Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Co. 6:20).

What a thrill to know that God so loved us that He paid a great price for our redemption, that is, for our "buying back from Satan!" He paid it with His only Son.

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son" (Jn. 3:16). That is the kind of love that we cannot understand. It is God's love.

Calvary was your *Emancipation Proclamation* from everything outside God's will for man. You should act accordingly. You should speak accordingly.

Confess your freedom instead of your bondage!

Confess, "with His stripes I am healed," instead of your sickness!

Confess your redemption from all diseases! (Ps. 103:3)

Confess that your redemption was complete from sin and sickness!
Confess that Satan's dominion over you was ended at Calvary, because it was there that *God freed you!*

God's Word states all of this so confess it.

When the slaves of the South received the Emancipation Proclamation, they were still living in slaves' quarters. They still looked like slaves, they still felt like slaves, but when they heard the Emancipation Proclamation read, they had a legal right to say, "I am free," and to act on that liberty.

Can you not much more readily believe your proclamation of freedom?

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Ga. 5:1).

You are free! Confess that!

Tell the devil you have found out the truth. He has known it all the time, but has lied to you and blinded your eyes to it. He has kept you from knowing your legal rights in Christ your redeemer.

"The god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not" (2 Co. 4:4).

Tell Satan you have found out the truth; the truth that sets you free from him.

Let him know, by your confession of the Word, that you are free from his dominion, and that you know it.

The statement, "He (Jesus) hath borne our sicknesses, and carried our diseases," is God's check for your perfect healing. *Endorse that check with your confession*, and it will bring you perfect health direct from the throne.

The diseases of your body were laid on Jesus. You need never bear them, because He hath borne them. All you need to do is believe this and begin to confess it.

We refuse to allow sickness to dwell in our bodies, because we were healed with His (Jesus') stripes.

If Christians would believe this, it would be the end of so-called "chronic ailments" in their bodies.

Always remember, Satan is a deceiver: he is a liar.

Sickness, disease, sin, and infirmities were *all* laid on Christ. He bore them. He carried them away, and has left us free and well. We should rejoice in this liberty of ours.

Redemption has not become a reality to so many. It has been only a theory, a doctrine, or a creed.

Satan has taken advantage of the ignorance of the Church.

We are Redeemed

We are redeemed from all the powers of Satan.

That means we are "bought back" from the hand of the enemy. We are "born again." We are the "new creation." We are freed from the Kingdom of Darkness. We are no longer slaves of Satan, and sin and sickness no longer rule over us.

"Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Co. 6:20).

How can you glorify God in your body when it is eaten up with disease?

It is just as impossible to glorify God, properly, in your body when it is full of sickness, as it is to glorify God in your spirit when it is full of sin.

You are delivered. You are loosed. O friends, confess that!

Tell the devil, "Satan, you are a liar. You know that *I am redeemed property*, because I have accepted Jesus as my Redeemer. I am no longer dwelling on your territory, and you have no legal right to trespass on my property. It is no longer yours, neither is it under your jurisdiction. I have been redeemed from your authority, by Jesus Christ. This sickness you have put on me was cursed on the cross of Calvary for me (Ga. 3:13), and you know that I don't have to bear it. I command you, in Jesus Christ's Name, to leave my body, I am free from your curse, for it is written: 'With His stripes I am healed,' so I am healed. God said so. You are a liar. Your pains are lies. Your symptoms are lies, and your words are lies. You are the father of lies. Jesus said you were."

Then thank the Lord for your deliverance.

You see, Satan knows all of that. It is only when he knows that you have discovered it, that he must respect your words.

So few realize that they are free from the dominion of Satan.

He knows it, but until you discover it, he will continue his assault on your life.

Many have died prematurely because they have not known their rights in Christ.

CHAPTER 7: IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST

When Jesus was crucified, we were crucified with Him. "I am crucified with Christ" (Ga. 2:20). "Wherefore if ye be dead *with Christ* . . ." (Col. 2:20).

When Jesus was buried, we were "buried *with him*" (Ro. 6:4; Col. 2:12).

When Jesus arose from the grave as conqueror, we arose *with Him* (Col. 3:1; Ro. 6:4, 5). "(He) hath quickened us together *with Christ*; and hath raised us up *together ... in Christ*" (Ep. 2:5, 6).

When Jesus went back to the throne, and "sat down on the right hand of God" (Mk. 16:19), "He made us to sit *together* (with Him) in heavenly places" (Ep. 2:6).

You see, "We are His (God's) workmanship, created in Christ Jesus" (Ep. 2:10). Through Jesus Christ, God made us what we are — a new creation. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Co. 5:17).

We are now a new creature, made in the likeness of God, through the power of Jesus Christ. God gives us His nature, His love, His faith, His life, His Spirit, His power. We are re-created.

All Jesus did was *for us*. Everything He conquered was for us.

He had no need to conquer Satan for Himself. He did this *for us*.

He had no sins of His own to carry away, because He had no sin until He "took our sins." He did this *for us*.

He had no need to put away sickness for Himself, because He had no sickness until He was made sick *for us*. He did this *for us*.

He conquered *for us*, and now that we are recreated in Christ Jesus, and are made partakers with Him, we become conquerors through Him. "In all these things," Paul says, "We are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us" (Ro. 8:37).

All That Jesus Did Was for Us

All that Jesus did was *for us*, and we are now partakers of His victory.

We were captives, but Christ hath freed us from captivity.

We were cursed by sin and sickness, but Christ, our Redeemer, hath freed us from that curse, and loosed us from its dominion.

We were weak, but the Lord has become our strength, so now we are strong.

We were bound and imprisoned, but Christ hath freed us from slavery.

We were sick, but Christ hath borne our sicknesses and carried them away, so now, "with His stripes we are healed."

Remember, you *were* a slave to Satan. You *were* bound by sin and sin's penalty, sickness. You *were* subject to Satan's authority, but *now* you are free.

You have had Christ's Emancipation Proclamation shown to you (the Bible). Don't be a slave any longer.

Do like the slaves of the South did when they heard their Emancipation Proclamation:

Read — claim your liberty; act on your deliverance. You are free.

Shout your freedom. Confess your freedom. Believe in your freedom.

Redemption is a fact. Act on your liberty.

Your bondage is past. Your prison is open. Your freedom is granted.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He hath anointed me to preach the good news; to tell the prisoners they are free, to tell captives they are released" (Is. 61:1, Moffatt).

CHAPTER 8: SATAN'S DEFEAT

Have you ever noticed 1 John 3:8: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might *destroy the works of the devil*"; "Having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it" (Col. 2:15).

According to these Scriptures, Jesus has *destroyed* the works of the devil, *spoiled* his power, and *triumphed* over Him.

Since Satan's works have been destroyed, his power has been spoiled, and he has been triumphed over, he must be a defeated foe.

Jesus' triumph was our triumph. His victory was our victory. He did nothing for Himself. He did it all for us.

He defeated Satan for us. He spoiled his power for us. He destroyed his works for us. He conquered him for us.

But Satan (who was defeated) holds his master (the Church, which is the body of Christ) in bondage. Such a terrible thing!

The defeated one is binding his own master, the Church, when, according to the New Testament, the Church is given power and authority over an already conquered Satan.

Can you afford to subject yourself to Satan's dominion any longer? No! Arise from his bondage!

Confess that you are the conqueror! Then be sure you "hold fast (your) profession of faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised)" (He. 10:23). Maintain your confession of God's Word.

"Every believer can become a devil master overnight," says F. F. Bosworth.

When Jesus arose from the dead, He left an eternally defeated Satan behind Him.

Always think of Satan as an eternally defeated foe.

Think of Satan as one over whom Jesus, and you in Jesus' Name, have entire dominion and authority.

The Bible declares that "We are His workmanship, (re)created in Christ Jesus" (Ep. 2:10). "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (2 Co. 5:17).

We are positively made "new" *in Christ*. We become "members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones" (Ep. 5:30).

On the ground of these Scriptures, it must be that, what Christ is, we have become. We are what He is. We are in Him.

He confirmed this in regard to ability and power when he said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also" (Jn. 14:12).

We now have the authority to work the same works that Jesus worked, by doing them in His Name.

If this is true of our works, then it is true in regard to our standing with God.

God has placed us in Christ, "in whom we have redemption" (Ep. 1:7).

God sees us in Christ, "of His fullness have all we received" (Jn. 1:16).

These facts constitute our confession, and we think, speak, pray, and act accordingly.

To tell what Satan is doing in our lives, is to deny what we are in Christ.

When you know that you are what Christ says you are, then you act accordingly, confessing what He has made you. This glorifies God and His word.

When Jesus said: "All things are possible to him that believeth," He meant that all things are possible to the believer.

What masters He has made us to be!

We believe in Him. Who is He? What is He? If we are created in Him, then what does that mean?

If it is in Him that we live and move and have our being, then it is needful that we find out what He is, and all about Him.

The Christ Who Lives in Us

The Man at the right hand of God, who loved me and died for me, now ever lives for me.

He was God's answer to the universal cry of humanity.

He was God manifest in the flesh.

Jesus was not a philosopher searching for truth. He was Truth.

He was not a mystic. He was reality.

He was not a reformer. He was a re-creator.

He was not a visionary. He was the Light of the , world.

He never reasoned. He knew.

He was never in a hurry. He was never afraid.

He never showed weakness. He never hesitated.

He was always ready. He was sure. There was sureness in all He said or did.

He had no sense of sin or need of forgiveness.

He never sought or needed advice. He knew why He came. He knew from whence He came. He knew who He was. He knew the Father. He knew about heaven. He knew where He was going. He knew man. He knew Satan.

He had no sense of lack. He had no sense of limitation.

And we are (re)created in Christ Jesus. We are in Christ. We are members of Him.

Jesus had no sense of fear. He had no sense of being defeated. He did not shrink from pain or brutal treatment.

He was the Master when they arrested Him. He was the Master at His trial.

He was Almighty, yet just a man. And He is in us. "Christ liveth in me" (Ga. 2:20). "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith" (Ep. 3:17). "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). "Christ is our life" (Col. 3:4). "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus" (1 Co. 1:30). "Jesus Christ is *in you*" (2 Co. 13:5).

Are not these facts almost staggering?

When the Church begins to see her standing in Christ, and what God has made us to be in His Son, and then begins to confess that kind of confession, instead of talking about her weaknesses, her lack, her inability, and her sicknesses, she will again become an irresistible body of Christ.

She will again take her place as the New Testament Church, as she

marches forward in this glorious triumph of faith.

Understanding your relationship to God, and your position as a believer, re-created in Christ, you must remember that you are authorized to use His Name.

That Name controls Satan and his works, and that Name has been legally given to every believer to use. "In My Name they shall cast out devils" (Mk 16:17).

If we can cast out demons, then we can cast out demon-brought diseases.

Remember, Satan is eternally defeated.

CHAPTER 9: THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

Many times our theologians have been our enemies. They have made a philosophy of the truth; they have turned the Word into dogma and creed when it should have been as though the Master were here speaking to us.

The Word speaks to us as Jesus would if here. It takes His place. It has the same authority as He would have if He were here.

When we pick up the Bible, it would be good to remember that it is the Book with God in it, life in it, a God-indwelt Book.

The Word is always Now. It has been, it is, and it will be the voice of God. It is never old. It is always fresh and new.

To the heart that is in fellowship with God, the Word is a present-tense, living voice from heaven.

The Word is like its Author — eternal, unchanging, and living.

The Word is outbreathings of God, the mind of God, the will of God.

The Word is God speaking. It is a part of God Himself. It abides forever.

God and His Word are one.

Jesus was the Word, and He lives in me; I read the Word; I feed on the Word, and the Word lives in me.

When I want more of Him, I feed on His Word.

If I want to know more of Him, I learn more of His Word.

I hold His Word in my hand. I have it in my heart. I have it in my lips. I live it. It lives in me.

The Word is my healing and my strength. It is the Bread of Life to me. It is the very ability of God in me.

The Word is living with the Life of Christ. All He is, His Word is.

The Word is my confession. It is my light and my salvation. It is my rest and my pillow.

The Word gives me quietness in the midst of confusion and gives me victory in the midst of defeat. It gives me joy where desolation reigns.

Treating the Word As Though It Were a Common Book

One of the most dangerous habits that Christians have is treating the Word as though it were a common book.

In one breath they declare that they believe it to be a revelation from God, yet they turn to the arm of flesh for help when the Word has promised perfect deliverance.

They treat the fact of redemption as though it were a beautiful fiction.

They read articles about the Word. They sing hymns praising it, yet they live under the dominion of the adversary, continually confessing sickness, want, fear, weakness, and doubts in the face of this revelation from God of our redemption, of the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ, and the fact that He is seated now at the right hand of God, having finished a work that perfectly satisfies the demands of justice and meets every need of mankind.

We read about our redemption; we sing about it, then talk about it as though it were but a fable.

That is the reason for the great amount of sickness, weakness, fear, and disease in the Church (the body of Christ) today. That is why the average Christian manifests no boldness, but fears any of Satan's threats.

All this could be changed immediately if the Christian would give the Word the same place he would give Christ if He were here physically in our presence.

Is He Speaking to Me?

A miner lay dying in his shack in the hills of California. A Christian woman read to him John 3:16. He opened his eyes and looked at her, asking, "Is that in the Bible?"

"Yes," the lady said.

"Does it mean me?"

"Certainly," she assured him, "it means you."

He lay there for a while, then asked, "Has He said anything else?"

And she read John 1:12: "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." Then she added softly, "He is speaking to you."

The man opened his eyes and whispered again, "I accept Him. I am satisfied." Then he passed on.

A Christian said, "I wish I knew whether He meant me when He gave us Isaiah 41:10: 'Fear thou not; for I am with thee: Be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.' Did He mean me?"

Jeremiah 33:3: "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Is He speaking to me? Can I claim this?

Isaiah 45:11: "Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of My hands command ye me." Can I claim this as mine? Is this for me?

John 15:7: "If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Was this written for me? Does it mean that I can call on Him and that He will hear me?

Yes, these are all yours. It is as though you were the only person in the whole world and He was writing it all for your own special benefit.

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: Ask, and ye shall receive that your joy may be full" (Jn. 16:24).

That is yours. There is no question about its belonging to you. It is as much yours as that check that was made out to you and signed by that businessman. That is your check. You can get it cashed down at the store or bank.

But that check is no more yours than are these promises recorded in this wonderful Book.

When in need, you can boldly confess: "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Ph. 4:19).

When you are sick, you can boldly confess: "With His stripes ye were healed" (1 Pt. 2:24).

Faith in God's Word is faith in God. If you want to build faith in God, feed on His Word.

Unbelief in His Word is unbelief in God Himself.

When you believe God's Word, then you will gladly confess His words.

Our attitude toward God's Word settles everything.

Meet Satan with "It is written," and all his sicknesses, diseases, pains, and symptoms will have to leave.

Say *what God says*. Satan can never endure that.

He is a defeated foe, and he knows it. He has known it ever since Jesus rose victorious over death and hell.

He has always sought to prevent the Church from making this discovery.

He has always obeyed every command of men who used God's Word against him, and he still does the same.

When he finds that we have discovered the secret of using "It is written," his surrender is certain, and he knows it.

Confess What God Says

"He sent His Word and healed them" (Ps. 107:20) is for your individual case. The Word will heal *you*.

Confess that Scripture in this way: "God sends His Word and heals me." Then praise Him for your healing.

What God will do for one, He will do for everyone who will believe His Word.

When you confess God's Word, your confession brings healing to you.

When you confess your sickness, your confession keeps you sick.

Always confess God's Word. Even when you may have contradictory "feelings," confess the Word.

Confessing God's Word always wins. His Word heals today.

Holding fast your confession of healing when the testimony of your five senses contradicts you, shows that you have become established in the Word.

That Word is always the victor.

When you declare: "By His stripes I am healed," that binds Satan's hands. He is defeated, and he knows it.

The Word of God is the greatest weapon on earth to use against Satan.

During the great temptation in the wilderness, Jesus did not try to defeat Satan with anything but "*It is written.*"

That was the weapon Jesus used every time Satan sought to overthrow Him.

"It is written," said Jesus, then quoted from the Scriptures what God had said.

What was the outcome? "The devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered to Him" (Mt. 4:11). That was ultimate victory. Satan was totally defeated.

The only weapon Jesus used was the Word. It always conquers.

CHAPTER 10: CONFESSION BRINGS POSSESSION

Look for a moment at Romans 10:9: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth . . . Jesus as Lord, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

This word "saved" is translated from the Greek word "sozo," which means to be *"healed spiritually and healed physically"* Healed in body and healed in soul, or saved from sin and saved from sickness. The same word is translated, *"heal, preserve, save, and make whole."*

Confess, Then Possess

Notice further what Paul says: "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation."

Notice! "confession is made *unto* salvation."

Salvation does not come until after confession is made. That is: one must believe and confess before experiencing the result. This is faith, and "By grace are ye saved, through faith" (Ep. 2:8).

Always remember: confession comes first, and then Jesus, who is "the High Priest of our confession," responds by granting the things we have confessed.

There is no such thing as salvation without confession. It is always "confession unto salvation"; never possession before confession.

Our confession causes the "High Priest of our confession" to grant us what we "believe with our heart" we have, and this brings us into possession. That is faith.

God is a faith God. That is to say, He is a God who demands faith.

We receive from God only the things we believe we receive. "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mk. 11:24).

What Is Confession?

Confession is faith's testimony in our mouths.

Confession is simply *agreeing with God*; saying what God says; speaking God's Words; using God's expressions and declarations; acknowledging God's Word.

Confession is faith's only way of expressing itself in our testimony.

Paul declared that he preached "the Word of faith," then told us that the "Word of Faith" must be "in our hearts" and "in our mouths."

The only way to have the Word of faith in our mouths is to talk the Word of God. This is confession, making our lips agree with God; speaking God's Word with our mouths. Read Romans 10:8.

Revelation 12:11 tells us that those who overcame the devil did so ", *through the blood of the Lamb, and the Word of their testimony*"; that is, through the Scriptures they quoted as they gave their testimony.

"The High Priest of Our Confession"

We were asked to pray for a person who was very sick and weak. He "felt" no immediate results.

We then asked him to repeat what God said: "By His stripes I am healed," and to praise the Lord for healing according to His Word.

He became very unhappy at this request, which he considered would be outright hypocrisy, and was quick to let us know he did not believe in testifying to something he did not have.

He said he was sincere, and would never play the part of a hypocrite.

The man was gauging his healing by his "feeling." That is not faith.

Surely it is not being a "hypocrite" to say what God says.

Confession unto a promise given us in God's Word, when confessed from the heart, always brings the possession.

I did not ask this man to say, "I am not sick." I merely asked him to say what God had said — to acknowledge "With His stripes I am healed."

It would be slanderous to say that a man is a liar just because he declares what God has spoken, yet this man seemed to consider it so.

Finally, God was merciful and added some "feeling" to his "healing."

When he felt, he believed. Another Thomas case. "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails ... I will not believe" (Jn. 20:25).

We prayed for a man who was stricken with arthritis in his shoulders and arms. When prayer was made, he "felt" a wonderful blessing. He was tremendously thrilled with his "feelings," but alas! after the "feeling" or "blessing" lifted, he "felt" another pain. That discouraged him.

He came to me saying, "Just listen to my joints crack and pop."

Instead of saying, "The Word says I am healed, and I know I'll recover," he was watching the physical evidences, and disregarding the Word of God.

I told him of a similar case where we prayed for a lady, and she had believed with perfect faith. In two days she returned to demonstrate perfect freedom in her joints. Her faith had set her free.

To this, the man responded: "I'm glad you told me that. It encourages me. I was afraid I would not get healed. But if she got well, then I'll be all right."

Now you can see what I am trying to show you in this message. The Word of God meant absolutely nothing to that man.

The promise given by Jesus, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover," was empty and meaningless to him.

He had "felt" a pain, so God's Word must have failed. While he was "feeling good" he was sure the Word was true; but the pain had disannulled the whole thing, so far as he was concerned.

Learn to confess what our Lord says, and He will fulfill His promise to you, because He is the "High Priest of our confession."

The confession of "I am the Lord that healeth thee," and "By His stripes I am healed," always goes ahead of healing, just as the confession we make of the Lord Jesus always goes ahead of salvation (Ro. 10:9,10).

Jesus is the High Priest of our confession — our words, what we say with our lips, when it corresponds with His Word. He does according to what we say.

We should never confess anything but victory, because Paul says: "In all these things, we are more than conquerors" (Ro. 8:37).

CHAPTER 11: FAITH IN OUR RIGHTS

Very often people make the mistake of "praying for faith." This you need never do.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God," is the prescription for receiving faith.

Never pray for faith to be healed. As you learn to know God's Word, *you will have faith*. The Word develops faith.

A doubter often prays for things he already possesses.

Peter says: "His divine power hath (already) given unto us all things that pertain unto life" (2 Pt. 1:3). Sickness will result in death. Healing has to do with life.

Things, having to do with life, have already been given to you. Believe they are yours. Confess them!

"All the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him (Jesus), Amen, unto the glory of God by us" (2 Co. 1:20). Find your promise. Believe it and begin to confess it. It is yours.

"By His stripes ye were healed." Your healing is already provided. You don't need to pray for it.

However, praying for healing is not unscriptural, because Jesus said: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son," and again: "If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it" (Jn. 14:13, 14). Also read James 5:13-15.

By reading the Word, you hear God speak. You hear Him say, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." You hear Him say, "With His stripes ye were healed." You need not pray for faith to believe God told the truth.

You have heard Him speak, and you have believed His Word. Acting accordingly is faith.

You may pray for healing, but faith begets healing.

Know your rights, then you will have faith; and you can know your rights only by reading and hearing the Word.

I don't find it hard to exercise faith for five dollars if I know I have that amount in my pocket. Unconsciously I act my faith by taking from the counter anything within that value.

I may write a check for that amount, and never be conscious of having exercised faith in the checkbook, the banker, the teller, or the bank. I know the check will be good because I have read the statement telling me I have that amount in the bank.

I believe we can become so thoroughly acquainted with the truth of God's Word that we will no longer consciously exercise faith when in need of healing.

We know healing is ours. It has been provided for us.

Sickness has been put away, through Christ. We are redeemed from it.

God says: "I am the Lord that healeth thee." This becomes a vital truth that lives within us. We treat it as we do the strength of the bridge which spans the canyon.

We do not doubt the ability of the bridge to bear the weight of our automobile. We just drive across. We have exercised faith, yet we did it unconsciously.

The Word becomes so real and vital to us that when we come to face a need which has been provided for in the Word, we drive on across the "impossible," considering nothing but that God is back of that Word. It cannot fail.

We confess its truth, its ability, and go on. It cannot fail us.

We no longer "try to get healed." God says "we were healed." That is ours. We confess it, and thank Him for it, knowing it is for US.

We no longer "try to believe." We *are believers* if we are saved, and "all things are ours."

Real faith possesses.

Faith's possessions are just as real as physical possessions.

Spiritual things are just as real as material things.

Talk faith, and be a continuous victor.

Get accustomed to speaking God's language.

Acquaint yourself with the Words of God, and train yourself to speak them because of the abundance of them in your heart.

CHAPTER 12: THE LANGUAGE OF FAITH

It is often said, "Talk is cheap." Many spend their time in idle talk. When I was a child, my father would say to me, "You talk when you should be listening."

A great per cent of talking is done by people who should be listening.

Wise men always observe more than they express. Their words are few, but they are weighty.

Marvelous victories have been won, then have been lost through "loose talk" — words spoken that were not needed.

Jesus terms it "idle words," of which He says, "Man shall give account of every word thus spoken, at the day of judgment" (Mt. 12:36).

Solomon said, "He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life" (Pr. 13:3).

Many fail to receive what they pray for, because they fail to understand how important their confession regarding that thing is.

Some who have been healed by the power of God find their pains and aches, and sometimes the disease itself, returning to their bodies. The majority of such people are wondering why this is. We believe you will understand the why of this, and that it will never happen to you, when you are through reading this message.

We Unconsciously Confess What We Believe

Faith always talks about the thing prayed for as though it were already possessed, even before it is seen, heard, or felt.

You see, when you confess sickness, it is because you believe in sickness more than you do in healing.

We confess with our lips what we believe in our heart. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Mt. 12:34).

Let us illustrate that: we prayed for a sick man in his home. God marvelously touched his body. According to God's Word, this man would recover. I assured them of this truth.

As we left the house, the mother said: "Do continue to pray for him." By that very request she confessed that she doubted God's Word, "They shall recover," for she implied that unless we cried long and continuously to God, He would not hear us.

The Word meant nothing to her.

She even went a step farther: She began to "brag" on the devil, and commend his faithfulness, instead of God's faithfulness. "As soon as you leave," she said, "the devil is sure to give him a severe test. I know the old enemy will do his best to steal my son's healing. Be sure and pray much for him."

I rebuked her sharply. Such utter foolishness. What a confession to be given to the credit of the devil by one of God's children!

She never confessed any confidence in God or His eternal Word. All her confession was in praise of the faithfulness of Satan. I am sure the devil smiled.

I replied: "It seems to me that you have more confidence in Satan than you have in God. You seem to be positive that Satan will come and try your son, but you do not seem to be so sure of God's divine presence and assistance."

Then I asked: "If Satan is faithful, is not God more faithful?"

"Yes," she replied.

Then I asked: "If God sends His angels, as His Word says He will, will you be fearful of Satan's power in the presence of God's angels?"

This, of course, helped her, and she returned in the house encouraged.

How often Christians will pray and obey the healing Scriptures exactly, and then, when some symptom appears, throw the entire Word of God overboard, and begin to make confession of their sickness, thus annulling their prayer and its effects!

God's blessings are hindered when we let our lips contradict His Word.
If a disease threatens your body, don't confess it! Confess the Word:
"With His stripes I am healed"
Say what God says! Confess His Word!
Disease gains the ascendancy when you agree with the testimony of
your senses. Your five senses have no place in the realm of faith.
Confessing pains, aches, and diseases is like signing for a package that
the Express Company has delivered. Satan then has the receipt — your
confession from you, showing that you have accepted his package.
Do not accept anything sent by the devil. Even though your five senses
may testify that it has come to you, refuse to confess it. Look immediately
to Calvary. Remember, you were freed.

Doubt Breeds Doubt

People get the habit of confessing their weaknesses and their failures. And their confession adds to their weakness.

They confess their "lack of faith" and that adds to their doubt. They pray for faith, forgetting that by so doing they are only confessing doubt. This increases their doubt, because God cannot answer their prayer, seeing that He has said, "Faith cometh by hearing (not by praying), and hearing by the Word of God."

CHAPTER 13: SYMPATHY SEEKERS

You should never talk about your sicknesses.

When you tell people your troubles, it is usually to get their *sympathy*.

Your sickness came from the devil, your adversary. When you tell of your troubles, you are giving testimony to Satan's ability to get you into trouble.

When you talk about your sicknesses and diseases, you are glorifying the adversary who had the ability to put that disease or sickness on you.

Most folk feed on pity and sympathy. You must overcome this petty, silly sin.

Pity can never help your pains. Sympathy can never help you get well. Sympathy is only "suffering with one." What you need is not "sympathy," but "substitution." That is "suffering for one."

Jesus did not come to be your "Sympathizer." He became your "Substitute."

Many prayers for the sick consist of nothing more than sympathy and pity. These will only feed and nourish the worst enemy you have.

Our place as ministers, or believers, is not to sympathize with the sick, and pity them because of their pains, but to assume authority, on the ground of substitution, and command those pains and sicknesses to leave.

God said to Joshua: "Be strong, and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee" (Jos. 1:9). "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life" (Jos. 1:5).

Then hear Jesus speak to you: "Behold, I give unto you power . . . over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Lu. 10:19).

Learn to confess what God has said in His Word. Then you are repeating His words, against which no power can successfully prevail. By confessing His Words, you are always the victor.

God knows no defeat. Neither does His Word.

"With God nothing shall be impossible" (Lu. 1:37). Now couple that with "And nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Mt. 17:20).

You begin to see that by using the two unfailing weapons, God's Word and Jesus' Name, the irresistibility of God becomes your irresistibility.

No weapon that Satan may form against these weapons shall prosper (Is.

54:17).

Confess: "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Ro. 8:37), then add: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me" (Ph. 4:13).

You cannot know defeat using God's Words. They are eternal. They are all-powerful. They are supernatural.

We confess that God has taken us out of the realm of failure and put us where victory, peace, joy, strength, and health prevail.

As we make these bold confessions, and act on the Word of God, our faith becomes strong.

This will change you. It will change your ministry. It will change your life.

You have prayed for success. You have prayed for power. You have prayed for great healings.

Now you see where your strength lies. God is your strength (Ps. 27:1).

Act on what you know, and your wishes and desires will all become realized. It is like a dream coming true.

It has suddenly dawned upon us that much of what we have been praying and begging God for, *He has already given us*, and it has only been awaiting our action.

Suddenly our redemption has become a reality, instead of a mere doctrine or creed — something we have analyzed and taught.

Our faith is measured by our confession.

People who confess a negative confession, that is, their weaknesses and failures, their pains, and symptoms, what they can not do, invariably go down to the level of their confession.

A spiritual law that few of us realize is that:

Our Confession Rules Us

When we confess Christ's Lordship, and our hearts fully agree with our confession, then we turn our lives over into His hands. That is the end of worry, the end of fear, and the beginning of faith.

When we believe that Christ arose from the grave for us, and that by His resurrection He conquered the adversary and put him to nought for us, and this becomes the confession of our lips, and we believe it with our hearts, then we become a power with and for God.

If we have accepted Jesus as Saviour, and confessed Him as our Lord, we are new creations.

We are "heirs of God; joint-heirs with Christ" (Ro. 8:17). Sickness and disease can no longer hold sway over us.

We have come to know that we are in union with Deity.

This may not dawn on us all at once, but as we study the Word and act on it; live in it and let it live in us; it becomes a living reality. That reality is developed through our confession.

CHAPTER 14: WHY SOME LOSE THEIR HEALING

(From: "Jesus the Healer" — By E.W.K.)

For many years I was bothered because I could not understand why people who received their healing and had all the evidences of perfect deliverance, should have the diseases return.

I believe I have made the discovery. Their faith was not in the Word of God, but in *sense evidence*.

What do I mean by sense evidence? I mean the evidence of their sight, hearing, and feeling.

They were like some of the sick folk who came to the Master. They had heard that He had healed some of their friends.

They said: "If I can get to Him, I will be healed."

As they drew near, they saw other men healed. The blind were made to see; the deaf were made to hear. They cried out for their share of the blessing, and were healed.

There are many who come to us for healing because the Father has been gracious in healing many others through our ministry.

So many have no time to be taught in the Word. They have no interest in the Word. They have no desire for the Word. All they want is healing — deliverance for themselves.

We pray for them, and they are healed.

In a little while they return and say, "I can't understand it. That healing did not stand! All the symptoms are back again."

Where is the difficulty?

It lies in this: They had no faith in the Word of God. They knew nothing about the Word, as far as healing was concerned.

Their faith was in me, or in some other person, not in the Word. The Word declares: "By His stripes I am healed."

Take this as an illustration: A man came to me with a very bad knee. The doctors had told him that an amputation was necessary. He was instantly healed when prayer was made.

Five or six days later, while walking on the street, the old pain returned. He said: "This cannot be. I *am* healed by His stripes. In Jesus' Name, pain, leave my knee."

That man stood on the Word of God and the pain left, never to return.

Others accept their sense evidence — what they can see, feel, or hear.
They lose their healing because there is no "depth of soil" — as Jesus
put it in the parable of the sower. (E. W. Kenyon)

CHAPTER 15: REAL FAITH

Your fight is a faith fight.

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ep. 6:12), but we are "more than conquerors" through Christ our Lord (Ro. 8:37).

Thus, like Peter at the gate of the Temple, we say: "In the Name of Jesus Christ, rise up." And like Paul, when he cast the demon out of the insane woman, we say: "In the Name of Jesus I command thee to come out of her." We should praise the Lord for this authority.

"Surely He hath borne *our* griefs (sicknesses and diseases) and carried *our* sorrows (pains)."

Have this on your lips, "With His stripes we are healed." Confess that, instead of confessing your pain! He bore that pain.

Confess your healing instead of confessing your disease! He bore that disease.

Real faith always holds fast to the confession of the Word, while our physical senses hold fast to the confession of our pains and symptoms.

If I accept the physical evidence instead of the Word of God, I nullify the Word of God, as far as I am concerned. But I hold fast to what God said: "By His stripes I am healed." I maintain that confession in the face of all contradictory senses.

Every time you confess weakness and failure, you magnify the adversary above the Father. You destroy your own confidence in God's Word.

Study the Word until you know what your rights are, then "hold fast to your confession."

Many try to make a confession without a foundation, then the adversary beats them badly.

Jesus said: "It is written." Satan was defeated.

You say: "It is written," then add, "By His stripes I am healed," and "He hath borne my sicknesses and carried my diseases."

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony" (Re. 12:11).

Christianity is a confession. Confess the finished work of Christ. Confess that He is seated at the Father's right hand. Confess that He perfectly redeemed you. Confess that you are a child of His. Confess the authority He gave you over Satan.

"Behold, I give unto you power . . . over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Lu. 10:19). Confess that! Confess your supremacy over the devil. Believe that you are more than conqueror over him. You are his master. He knows that. He cannot rule you any longer.

Believe God's Word. Be bold in its truth. Confess Only what God says. Keep that confession. Don't change it every other day. Let God's Word "abide in you," and you "abide in it."

CHAPTER 16: THE WORD OR THE PAIN

Someone said: "I felt perfectly well for several days after you prayed for me. Then suddenly the symptoms returned and I have been in pain and very sick ever since. What is the trouble?"

Here is the answer: evidently you received healing through another's faith. The adversary took advantage of your lack of faith, and brought back the symptoms. He camouflaged the whole thing, and you were filled with doubt and fear instead of faith.

Instead of meeting the adversary with the Word, and in the Name of Jesus commanding that his power be broken, you yielded, confessed the pain, signed the receipt, and accepted the sickness back again.

Why did you yield?

Because you have never studied God's Word and you had no foundation in His Word.

You were like the man who built his house upon the sand. The storm came and destroyed it.

The thing for you to do is get to know the Healer personally, through His Word.

When you know that "by His stripes you were healed" as well as you know two and two make four, the enemy will have no power over you. You will simply laugh at him and say, "Satan, you know you were defeated! In Jesus' Name, I command you to leave my body," and he will obey.

Many, whose healing comes through the faith of others, lose their healing, simply because they have no knowledge of their rights as revealed in the Word of God. David says: "Forget not *all* His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth *all* thy diseases" (Ps. 103:2, 3).

Physical healing is one of the benefits of Christ.

Your confession to that is your faith talking.

CHAPTER 17: SYMPATHY OR HEALING

You cannot talk sickness and disease and walk in health.

You cannot tell folk about disease and pains, moaning over your troubles, thereby obtaining everybody's sympathy, and be healed.

By telling your troubles, sorrows, pains, and aches, you invite disease and nullify your rights to divine health.

We tell people our troubles in order to get their sympathy.

Peter said: "Cast all your care upon Him, for He careth for (is concerned about) you" (1 Pt. 5:7).

If men on earth will extend sympathy to you by hearing of your difficulties, how much more will your heavenly Father show compassion to you when you are in need.

Learn to Talk Faith

Then you will be a victor in every battle. 1 John 5:4 should be known to every believer, and you should confess it boldly. "Whatsoever is born of God over- cometh the world: and this is the victory that over- cometh the world, even our faith." *Talk faith-talk.*

Give up Satan's confession. Stop talking defeat. Stop talking sickness. Sickness is of the devil. Weakness is of the devil. Disease is of the devil. Troubles are demon-made.

As long as you are praising Satan's works, you cannot expect to maintain victory.

Our lips should be filled with faith words.

"The word of faith is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart" (Ro. 10:8). When we have faith, we no longer moan and groan; we praise and rejoice.

Faith talks cheerfully.

Faith sings lustily.

Faith prays believingly.

CHAPTER 18: THE THREE WITNESSES

In every case there are three witnesses:

1. *The Word*. The Word declares: "By His stripes ye were healed";
2. *The Pain*. The pain declares that the sickness and disease is not healed. The pain is severe, and the sick one feels nothing but the pain;
3. *The sick person*. The sick one declares: "By His stripes I am healed," placing his testimony alongside the Word of God. He refuses to take his testimony back. He declares in the face of pain, in the face of sense evidence, that *he is healed*.

He "holds fast that confession of his faith," and God makes it good. God always stands by those who stand by His Word. He says, "My Word shall not return unto Me void."

But often, when we open the Word and prove that "By His stripes we are healed," people say: "Yes, I can see that, but the pain is still there. It has not left my limb."

They have accepted the testimony of their senses rather than the testimony of the Word.

Here is a woman who is weak. She cannot walk.

I bring her the Word that "The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid."

She says, "Yes, I see that Scripture, but I cannot walk." She repudiates the Word of God.

The testimony of her lips joined with the testimony of her senses annuls the Word of God, and she remains ill.

On the other hand, had she steadfastly maintained her testimony, in the face of contradictory sense evidence, that the Word was true, healing would have been hers.

A young man with a hard growth under his heel came in the prayer line. He was compelled to walk on tiptoe. This was painful.

I told him, after prayer, to walk on that heel in Jesus' Name, and the hard growth would leave.

He quickly obeyed, and the growth vanished.

A few days later, when he was about to remove his shoe to prove his healing to a skeptic, the pain struck him a terrific blow, and it felt as though the growth had returned, he said.

Instead of accepting the testimony of his senses, he accepted God's Word. Immediately he said: "Pain, I rebuke you in the Name of Jesus.

Leave my foot. I was healed through the stripes of Jesus."

The pain left, to return no more. He proved to the skeptic he was healed.

He confessed the truth and the truth had set him free.

One who was ministered to for stomach ulcers had been vomiting as many as five and six times daily.

After being delivered, a test came.

After vomiting, she would say, "Thank you, Jesus, for healing me. Your Word says I am healed."

The enemy was defeated and she was completely delivered. Faith always wins.

The Word declares that you are healed.

What the Word says is true.

You declare that you are healed, because God said so.

You maintain your confession of healing in the face of every evidence contrary to the Word, and God always makes it true.

Our Senses and the Word

Never confess your "feelings." They are always weakening to faith.

There will always be a conflict between your feeling and the Word of Faith.

The Word demands that we walk by *faith*.

Our senses demand that we walk by *sight*.

The Word demands obedience to that Word, while our senses lead an open rebellion against the Word.

Walking by faith is walking by the Word.

To walk in the flesh is to walk according to the senses.

"We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen" (2 Co. 4:18).

Renewing of the Mind

Our natural mind cannot comprehend such a battle, so Paul commands our "casting down imaginations . . . bringing our thoughts into captivity."

The old mind is a bad thing to deal with. "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Ro. 8:7). It cannot understand this message, so it refuses to listen to it.

What we need is a "*renewing of the mind*" so that we can grasp these vital truths. We receive this renewing through study of the Word.

Not only must we speak right, but we must also think right.

"Whatsoever things are true (the Word is true), just, pure, lovely, of good report (and so forth), think on these things" (Ph. 4:8).

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Pr. 23:7).

So in 2 Corinthians 10:5, we bring every thought into captivity. We cast down reasoning, and give the Word of God its place in our hearts and in our minds. We have the "mind of Christ."

God's spiritual and physical transformations are to come to us through the renewing of the mind.

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice" (Ro. 12:1). The body is the laboratory of the five senses; no wonder it needs presenting as a sacrifice.

Paul then goes on to say: "Be ye transformed, by the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is that good, and perfect, and acceptable will of God."

When the mind is renewed, it can see the spiritual value of the right confession.

Confess Your Healing Today.

Paul says: "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation (or deliverance)" (2 Co. 6:2).

Webster says salvation means "Deliverance from sin and its penalty".

If this Scripture is true regarding the sin of man, even so it must be true regarding his sickness, which is a part of the penalty for sin.

Friends, arise out of your doubts, weaknesses, and fears. Quit talking about them.

Take your deliverance from disability. Have a strong body with which to glorify God. Kneel and pray.

Tell the Father you are His own child. Tell Him you give good things to your children.

Tell Him you are sure He is more willing to give good things to His children.

Speak to your disease or sickness, calling it by name. Command it in Jesus' Name to leave your body.

Command your weakness to leave your body, confessing the Lord as the strength of your life (Ps. 27:1).

Enjoy your rights, and help others to enjoy the same rights.

Satan cannot put on you what God laid on Jesus Christ. Sin and sickness were nailed to the cross, so you're free from their curse forever. You are healed!

The Lord "hath redeemed you from the curse of the law." "The Lord hath redeemed (thee) and ransomed (thee) from the hand of him (Satan) that was stronger than (thee)" (Je. 31:11).

"For the right of redemption is Thine to buy" (Je. 32:7).

"Behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and *There is nothing too hard for Thee*" (Je. 32:17).